

THE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Chart VII contains the complete ancestry, so far as it has been obtainable, of Mary Chickering Nichols, grand daughter of Jonas Chickering, back to the eighth generation of her progenitors. Limitations of space have precluded exemplification in chart form of the generations earlier than the eighth, but these earlier ancestors will be found upon the two pages immediately following Chart VII, arranged in the same order in which the families occur upon the chart.

To facilitate reference from this chart to its supplement, as well as to identify individuals as their names occur in the preceding text and in the Notes to Chart VII, all names on the chart have been numbered according to the following system:

Beginning with Mrs. Nichols, the number belonging with any name, when doubled, becomes the number of that person's father. In like manner, double any number and add one (1) to find the mother's number. Reversal of this process will give the number belonging to any child when that of its father or mother is known.

It follows that the even numbers belong to the male ancestors, and the odd numbers to the female.